



Aviation Investigation Factual Report

Location: Boise, Idaho **Accident Number:** SEA03LA079

Date & Time: May 10, 2003, 10:15 Local Registration: N711BG

Aircraft: Cessna P210N Aircraft Damage: Substantial

Defining Event: 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 91: General aviation - Personal

Factual Information

On May 10, 2003, at 1015 mountain daylight time, a Cessna P210N, N711BG, sustained substantial damage during a gear up landing on runway 10R at the Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho. The airplane was registered to and operated by a private individual. The certificated commercial pilot, the sole occupant, was not injured. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed for the personal flight, and a flight plan was not filed. The flight, which was operating under the provisions of 14 CFR Part 91, departed Boise at 0940.

According to the Pilot/Operator Accident Report (NTSB form 6120.1/2), the pilot reported that he had made two practice instrument approaches, and "at the last minute on the second approach I was cleared for a touch-and-go. The best way I can describe it, I was still in an 'instrument approach mindset' and failed to lower the gear." The pilot stated that he landed gear up on runway 10R and skidded to a stop. There was no post-crash fire.

In a telephone interview with the NTSB investigator-in-charge, when asked if he had heard the landing gear warning horn prior to contacting the runway, the pilot replied, "I didn't even know there was one." The pilot also stated he did not perform the Before Landing checklist.

An FAA inspector, who surveyed the aircraft damage, reported substantial damage to three stringers on the underside of the airplane, as well as skin damage to the belly of the airplane. The inspector also confirmed that upon further examination of the aircraft, the landing gear warning horn worked properly when tested.

Pilot Information

| Certificate: | Commercial | Age: | 80,Male |
|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Airplane Rating(s): | Single-engine land; Multi-engine land | Seat Occupied: | Left |
| Other Aircraft Rating(s): | None | Restraint Used: | |
| Instrument Rating(s): | Airplane | Second Pilot Present: | No |
| Instructor Rating(s): | None | Toxicology Performed: | No |
| Medical Certification: | Class 3 Valid Medical–w/ waivers/lim | Last FAA Medical Exam: | April 20, 2003 |
| Occupational Pilot: | No | Last Flight Review or Equivalent: | March 20, 2003 |
| Flight Time: | 5455 hours (Total, all aircraft), 559 hours (Total, this make and model), 5300 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 23 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 14 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft) | | |

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Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

| Aircraft Make: | Cessna | Registration: | N711BG |
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| Model/Series: | P210N | Aircraft Category: | Airplane |
| Year of Manufacture: | | Amateur Built: | |
| Airworthiness Certificate: | Normal | Serial Number: | P21000806 |
| Landing Gear Type: | Tricycle | Seats: | 5 |
| Date/Type of Last Inspection: | November 15, 2002 Annual | Certified Max Gross Wt.: | 3920 lbs |
| Time Since Last Inspection: | | Engines: | 1 Reciprocating |
| Airframe Total Time: | 2828 Hrs at time of accident | Engine Manufacturer: | Continental |
| ELT: | Installed, not activated | Engine Model/Series: | TSIO-520-AF |
| Registered Owner: | Robert M. Gossett | Rated Power: | 310 Horsepower |
| Operator: | | Operating Certificate(s) Held: | None |

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

| Conditions at Accident Site: | Visual (VMC) | Condition of Light: | Day |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Observation Facility, Elevation: | BOI,2871 ft msl | Distance from Accident Site: | |
| Observation Time: | 09:53 Local | Direction from Accident Site: | |
| Lowest Cloud Condition: | Clear | Visibility | 10 miles |
| Lowest Ceiling: | None | Visibility (RVR): | |
| Wind Speed/Gusts: | 4 knots / None | Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Wind Direction: | 180° | Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual: | / |
| Altimeter Setting: | 30.05 inches Hg | Temperature/Dew Point: | 11°C / 3°C |
| Precipitation and Obscuration: | No Obscuration; No Precipita | ation | |
| Departure Point: | Boise, ID (BOI) | Type of Flight Plan Filed: | None |
| Destination: | | Type of Clearance: | VFR |
| Departure Time: | 09:40 Local | Type of Airspace: | Class C |
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Airport Information

| Airport: | Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field KBOI | Runway Surface Type: | Asphalt |
|----------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Airport Elevation: | 2871 ft msl | Runway Surface Condition: | Dry |
| Runway Used: | 10R | IFR Approach: | ILS;Practice |
| Runway Length/Width: | 9763 ft / 150 ft | VFR Approach/Landing: | Straight-in |

Wreckage and Impact Information

| Crew Injuries: | 1 None | Aircraft Damage: | Substantial |
|------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Passenger Injuries: | | Aircraft Fire: | None |
| Ground Injuries: | N/A | Aircraft Explosion: | None |
| Total Injuries: | 1 None | Latitude, Longitude: | 43.565277,-116.226387 |

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Administrative Information

| Investigator In Charge (IIC): | Little, Thomas | |
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| Additional Participating Persons: | Lewis H Sanders; Federal Aviation Administration; Boise, ID | |
| Report Date: | July 31, 2003 | |
| Last Revision Date: | | |
| Investigation Class: | <u>Class</u> | |
| Note: | | |
| Investigation Docket: | https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=56971 | |

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